



# *Media Advisory*

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## **The America's Fire Heroes Whistle-Stop Tour**

The intention of the America's Fire Heroes Whistle-Stop Tour is to educate and provide information to the public and firefighters on how personal responsibility and action are key to preventing fires and fire-related casualties. The Tour will involve fire departments, the general public, local, state, and federal officials, and the media in 20 stops across the country. Presentations regarding the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives, Everyone Goes Home(tm) program and the Courage to Be Safe... So Everyone Goes Home(tm) training class will be directed at the firefighter audience. An important part of these presentations will be the *Untold Story of the Survivors* in their own words.

Developed in response to the alarming rate of preventable firefighter line-of-duty deaths (over 100 per year), the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation developed the Everyone Goes Home(tm) program to support the United States Fire Administration's goal of reducing firefighter deaths by 50% over the next ten years. The building blocks of the Everyone Goes Home(tm) program are the 16 Firefighter Life Safety Initiatives. The 16 Initiatives encapsulate real-world solutions to fire service problems regarding preventable line-of-duty deaths-including management restructure, training improvements, and specific suggestions dealing with the two leading causes of preventable line-of-duty deaths--lack of firefighter fitness and vehicle accidents. The program is funded by a DHS Assistance to Firefighter Grant and a grant from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.

For Further information go to: <http://www.everyonegoeshome.com/whistlestop>

**The America's Fire Heroes Whistle-Stop Tour will stop in San Jose for a visit at Fire Station 1, located at 225 North Market Street on Thursday, April 5, 2007. The Tour is scheduled to arrive at 4:30pm and will be available for a meet and greet session as well as a photo opportunity. A full program will not be performed.**

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